

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 1855. The Voluntary Enlistment Bill—Cavalier Treatment of the Secretary of the Cabinet—Opposition of General Cass and Houston—Mr. Bigler in Town—General Pierce and his Defeated Friends—General Rankin a Philanthropist.

I know positively that neither the President nor Col. J. Davis consulted with a single Senator on the subject of the Voluntary Enlistment Bill, for the purpose of making a demonstration against the Indians. The Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs went to see the President to obtain the necessary information, so as to act and talk intelligently on the subject; but beyond this, no mark of confidence was exhibited toward any member of the Senate.

General Cass proposed the amendment (declared by General Shields to be that of the Secretary of War himself), which provides for the enlistment of five hundred men for the term of one year, to be recruited by the President, and to be subject to the same laws as the regular army.

Mr. Bigler, the defeated candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, is in town, looking, it is said, after a mission to the President. General Pierce's sympathy is for the living, not for the dead; especially if the latter have fallen in his service.

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It is a great piece, this Washington, in the way of parties, fun and frolic, as it is for politics and gambling. A Mr. Parker and Mr. Corcoran, both millionaires, of Washington, last night gave a party each, which, for brilliancy in household decorations and for heavily assembled, laid anything which has heretofore taken place in the dancing way, even here. A spirit of rivalry animated both the "get-up" of these parties last evening, and competition in this respect has been found to be as healthy an ingredient as it is in trade.

Both Mr. Parker and Mr. Corcoran are self-made men—men who are indebted only to their own energies and their own strong arms for the positions which they at last have taken in society. It is not this something to be admired and to be commended! The ambassadors and nobility of aristocratic Europe feasting at the board of men who were created in poverty, but who had in their nature what defied and conquered misfortune!

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MARITIME INTELLIGENCE.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

Table with columns: NAME, LEAVES FOR, DATE. Lists various steamers and their destinations.

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THE WISCONSIN SENATORSHIP.

The joint convention of the two houses of the Legislature met on Wednesday at eleven o'clock. The only member present was Mr. Clemons, (rep. of Racine, who paired off with the Hon. J. H. Smith, (sen. from Dodge, who was absent.)

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL.

All right. The train which left Detroit on Monday morning, arrived yesterday afternoon, at half past one o'clock.

THE MOSQUITO EXPEDITION.

From the Montgomery (Ala.) Journal, Jan. 30. A letter from Col. Lewis, in a military capacity, to the Central American expedition, of a gentleman in this vicinity, has been handed up for publication.

THE SENATOR FROM THE TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

The question has been asked whether the new Know Nothing Senator, W. H. Goodwin, will receive his certificate in time to reach his seat on Tuesday, the day on which the Legislature will vote for Governor.

THE REPOSITORY.

We copy from the Repository the reported majorities in the county of Ontario in the recent election in the Twenty-ninth Senatorial district.

ARRIVALS.

At the St. Nicholas Hotel—E. Governor Seymour, Albany; Chancellor Walworth, Saratoga Springs; Hon. J. R. Rose and Hon. J. W. Culler, Albany.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

At the Metropolitan Hotel—Hon. A. Williams, Indiana; Hon. V. L. Barclay, Missouri; J. C. Canning, Canada; A. M. McLean, U. S. C. E. Bond, San Francisco; Capt. W. H. B. C. Bond, San Francisco; Capt. W. H. B. C. Bond, San Francisco.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday evening, January 25, at the residence of his uncle, of consumption, JAMES H. UNDERHILL, aged 19 years, 2 months and 12 days.

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THE SNOOR FROM CHICAGO—EMBARGO ON THE RAILROADS.

From the Chicago Tribune, Jan. 27. Never since Chicago was a town has there been a week so fruitful in snow storms. Our city, for most of the time, has been cut off from all communication with the country.

CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE RAILROAD.

A train with a large force left yesterday morning, but they had not been heard of up to eight o'clock last evening.

ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN.

The engineer, Mr. Johnson, left with a train and all the force he could muster yesterday morning, but had not been heard of up to eight o'clock last evening.

GALENA AND CHICAGO UNION.

A train, with five engines, was sent out yesterday morning, and as many more as could work to advantage.

GALENA AIR LINE.

No news whatever. It is mistaken, not, there has not been a train through on the road for some time.

CHICAGO AND AUBURN.

No news of any kind. The Superintendent, Mr. Johnston, is out along the line making every possible exertion to clear the road.

CHICAGO AND ROCK ISLAND.

Everything which indomitable perseverance could do, has been done to get the road open.

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